

Examiners Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an in person interview with Kevin Ye registration no. 51,794 on March 13, 2008. Claims are being amended to overcome potential 101 issues, as well as to include added limitations in claims as proposed by applicant and supported in the specification.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

2. Please amend Claims 1 – 8, 12 and 17 – 24.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

On line 1 replace, "A software analysis tool" with A computer system comprising memory for storing a software analysis tool

On line 7, replace, "." with ;

Reasons for Allowance

3. Examiner has reviewed and considered Applicants amendments as indicated in Applicant's response dated 10/31/07 and also in view of Applicant's arguments and Examiner's Amendment, per interview summary of 03/13/08. Therefore, based on Applicants amendment and current amendments, claims 2 – 9 are now in condition for allowance.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest at least the limitations of:

"...an editor comprising means for allowing a user to edit the graph, wherein the software entities comprise nongenetic software program code; wherein the conversion means comprises means for bi-directionally folding and unfolding a graph between meta and child levels." and as best illustrated by figs. 2 in such a manner as recited in independent claim 2 and as indicated in Applicants response of 10/31/07 on page 1.

Therefore, all remaining claims 2 – 9 are in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Correspondence Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Kendall whose telephone number is 571-2723698. The examiner can normally be reached between Monday – Thursday between the times of 11:30 am - 3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on 571-2723695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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